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Geneva, July 12.

THE King of Sicily came to Annecy on the 5th Inſtant in the Evening. He was wholly taken up with performing his Devotions all the next Day, till 7 in the Evening, when he gave Audience to the Deputies ſent by this Republick to Compliment his Majeſty on his Arrival in their Neighbourhood, and received them with Marks of Kindneſs and great Civility. His Majeſty ſet out from Annecy on the 7th to return to Chamberry, where 'tis ſaid he will make a ſhorter Stay than he firſt intended, having reſolved to be at Rivoli before the End of this Month. Two of his Men of War ſailed lately from Nizza, with three Tranſports, to take in at Genoa Cables and Anchors which have been bought there for the Uſe of his Shipping in Sicily: The reſt of his Fleet is gone to cruiſe on the Coaſt of that Kingdom, having on board the Marquiſs of Suza, his Majeſty's natural Son.

Berne, July 17. The General Dyet at Baden is broke up, and the French Ambaſſadour return'd to Soleurre. There has nothing paſs'd there of any Conſequence nor any thing been treated of but the common Affairs of all the Cantons in general. The Deputies of the eight Old Cantons are gone to Frauenfeld, to adjuſt, in a particular Aſſembly, ſuch Accounts and Appeals, as belong to thoſe eight in common; which done, thoſe of Zurich, Berne and Glaris, are to return to Baden, to treat of ſuch Affairs as regard thoſe three Cantons only. M. Trembley, who returned hither three Days ago from Zurich, ſet out Yeſterday for Geneva, to give an Account to the Regents there of the Succeſs of his Commiſſion. He call'd at Baden in his Way from Zurich, and had ſeveral Conferences there with the Deputies of the two Cantons of Zurich and Berne, and the Ambaſſadour of France, upon the Subject of his Commiſſion; and he has diſpoſed the ſaid two Cantons to ſend a Deputation to the King of Sicily, to interpoſe their good Offices with His Majeſty towards adjuſting the Differences between him and the Republick of Geneva.

Madrid, July 12. Laſt Week an Expreſs paſſed through this Place for the Court, which continues at the Pardo, having been diſpatched from Bilboa with Letters brought by an Advice-Boat from the Governour of the Havana, which relate, that a famous Pyrate known in the Weſt-Indies by the Name of Mulato, has ſettled upon a little Iſland in the Streights of Bahama, and fortified it; that he has taken ſome Ships which were paſſing through thoſe Streights; and that he has made a Deſcent on the Spaniſh Colonies with 3000 Men. Letters from Barcelona of the 3d Inſtant, ſay the Squadron of Men of War from Cadiz was arrived there, that five Battallions were already imbarked, and that by the 8th the whole Body ordered to go with this Squadron, amounting to 8000 Men, would be on board. 'Tis not likely that theſe Preparations ſhould be deſigned for the Aſſiſtance of the Venetians, for there was not any Land Forces on board the Squadron which was ſent laſt Year to the Levant. The Miniſters of the Pope and of the Republick of Venice being alarmed at it, went three Days ago to the Pardo, where Count Alberoni aſſured them that his Catholick Majeſty will obſerve his Engagements with their Principals.

Vienna, July 14. Our lateſt Advices from the Camp before Belgrade import, that on the 28th paſt the Bridge over the Save was finiſhed. On the 29th the Beſieged made two Sallies, but were repulſed with little Loſs on either Side. The ſame Day the Beſieged ſent down the River ſeveral Machines, in order to ruine the Bridge on the Danube, which did ſome little Damage to it, but it was ſoon repaired: One of them was filled with Bombs, but blew up before it reached the Bridge. On the 3d Inſtant the Turks abandoned Semlin upon General Hauben's Approach with his Detachment, and he is encamped on the riſing Grounds there, from whence he has a full View of all the Fortifications of Belgrade. Two of the Imperial Ships of War, called the St. Eugene and St Francis, having been ordered to remove from the Mouth of the Donawitz, and take their Station near Semlin, were on the 5th Inſtant attacked by about 60 Turkiſh Veſſels, part of which were ſunk after a ſharp Engagement, and the reſt retired under the Cannon of Belgrade. On the 5th all the heavy Artillery, deſigned for the Siege, was arrived, and was putting aſhore with all Expedition. Several Parties of Tartars which came out of Semendria, had much incommoded our Forragers; one of them falling in with a Party of Imperialiſts were all made Priſoners, and among them five Hungarian Rebels who were hanged. Though the Imperialiſts work very hard on their Lines, yet they are of ſuch an Extent that they cannot be perfected before the 12th Inſtant, nor can the Trenches be opened till the Lines are finiſhed. They are ſixteen Foot broad and eight deep, and all the Earth is thrown up to make a Parapet, which is to be faſcined both within and without. By Means of theſe Lines Prince Eugene propoſes to carry on the Siege with Safety, and to chuſe either to ſtay in his Camp, or go out of it to fight the Enemy, as he ſhall find it moſt advantageous; tho' as yet they have no News of the Approach of the Turkiſh Army, the great Deſertion that is among the Aſiatick Troops, being, as is ſaid, the Occaſion of the Slowneſs of their March.

Hague, July 27. On the 21ſt Inſtant Sir John Norris arrived here, and next Morning went forward to Amſterdam, to wait for the Czar's coming thither, which 'tis thought will be about the End of this Month. Letters of the 10th Inſtant from M. Schapfiroff at Spa, give Aſſurance that the Muſcovite Troops would